

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

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M₁ is a metal capable of forming cosmetically stable organometallate compounds of the structure shown, including any of the metals M;

~~a equals g equals~~ the valence state of metal M₁ minus 1 or minus 2, wherein, in the case of the latter alternative, the available valence of metal M₁ is covalently bonded to another M₁ atom or to a coating material oxygen atom;

R⁶ is a hydrophobic organic moiety including a cosmetically stable covalent bond to metal M or, when a is greater than 1, to an oxygen atom with an available valence and wherein multiple R⁶s, if present, may be the same or different; and